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## Status of Major Legislation in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress as of 11.22.19

### Gun Violence

- **H.R. 8 – The Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019:** Establishes new background check requirements for gun transfers between unlicensed individuals.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on February 27, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 1112 – The Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019:** Strengthens background check requirements for gun transfers between licensed gun dealers and an unlicensed individual (Closes the “Charleston Loophole”).
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on February 28, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**

### Democracy Reform & Anti-Corruption

- **H.R. 1 – The For The People Act:** Major package of democracy reform and anti-corruption legislation that:
  - Creates automatic voter registration.
  - Makes Election Day a federal holiday.
  - Prohibits purges of state voter rolls.
  - Strengthens the voting infrastructure.
  - Bans foreign money in elections.
  - Requires states to form independent redistrict commissions to draw Congressional districts.
  - Requires the president to disclose ten years of federal tax returns.
  - Closes conflict of interest loopholes within the Executive Branch.
  - Prohibits Members of Congress from serving on corporate boards.
- U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on March 8, 2019
- U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**

## **Jobs & Economy**

- **H.R. 582 – The Raise the Wage Act:** Increases the federal minimum wage for regular employees to \$15 over a seven-year period.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on July 18, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 7 – The Paycheck Fairness Act:** Modernizes the Equal Pay Act and provides strengthened legal remedies for women who are not being paid equal pay for equal work.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on March 27, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 397 – The Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act:** Establishes the Pension Rehabilitation Administration to provide loans and strengthen over 1400 multiemployer pension plans that cover 10 million Americans (Also known as the Butch Lewis Act).
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on July 24, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 4863 – The United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019:** Reauthorizes the Export-Import Bank (the top export credit agency in the U.S.) for ten years. The Export-Import Bank finances tens of thousands in exports from Minnesota's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District each month.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on November 15, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 1309 – The Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act:** Directs the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) to write standards on comprehensive violence prevention programs for the healthcare and social service sectors. Requires employers in these sectors to implement workplace violence prevention programs to better ensure the safety of health and social service workers.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on November 21, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**

## Healthcare

- **H.R. 986 – The Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019:** Prohibits the Trump administration from allowing states to weaken the Affordable Care Act's protections for people with pre-existing conditions.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on May 9, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 987 - Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act:** Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct robust outreach and educational activities with the public regarding federal exchanges.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on May 16, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 3 – The Lower Drug Costs Now Act:** Ends the ban on Medicare directly negotiating with drug companies and makes lower priced drugs negotiated by Medicare available to every American.
  - U.S. HOUSE: Introduced in the House on September 19, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**

## Immigration

- **H.R. 6 – The American Dream and Promise Act:** Prevents the Trump administration from deporting DREAMERS and TPS recipients and provides them with a path to permanent resident status in the U.S.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on June 4, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**

## Consumer Protection

- **H.R. 1500 – The Consumers First Act:** Strengthens the powers of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to better protect Americans from consumer financial fraud.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on May 22, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 1644 – The Save the Internet Act of 2019:** Restores net neutrality provisions for internet users that were repealed by the Trump administration in 2019.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on April 10, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**

## Women's Rights & LGBT Rights

- **H.R. 1585 – The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019:** Reauthorizes and improves the 1994 Violence Against Women Act that has helped reduce the rate of domestic violence in the U.S. by over 50% since 1994.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on April 4, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 5 – The Equality Act:** Prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity in public facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit and other circumstances.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on May 17, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**

## Climate Change

- **H.R. 9 – The Climate Action Now Act:** Requires the President keep the U.S. in the Paris Agreement on climate change and to develop an annual plan for the United States to meet its greenhouse gas emission reductions under the Paris Agreement.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on May 2, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**
- **H.R. 205, H.R. 1146, H.R. 1941 – Protecting America's Coastal and Marine Economies:** Banning Offshore Drilling on Atlantic, Pacific, Eastern Gulf and ANWR Coasts.
  - U.S. HOUSE: **Passed the House** on September 12, 2019
  - U.S. SENATE: **NO ACTION**

## Government Funding

- U.S. HOUSE: **House passed** 10 of 12 **FY2020 appropriations bills**
- U.S. SENATE: **Senate passed** 4 of 12 **FY2020 appropriations bills**
- U.S. HOUSE: **House passed** **Continuing Resolution (CR)** temporarily funding government until December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- U.S. SENATE: **Senate passed** **CR** temporarily funding government until December 20<sup>th</sup>.